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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated May 31, 2002, please enter and consider the following remarks:

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REMARKS

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I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Claims 10-37 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.